

# **William Schneider collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Schneider, William, 1824-1897
<b>Title</b>	William Schneider collection
<b>Date</b>	1850-1903
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Cubic feet 3 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

William Schneider collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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William Schneider was born in Saxony, Germany in 1824. He moved to America when he was 8 years old, first settling with his family in Pennsylvania. Later he moved to German Township, Vanderburgh County, Indiana and then to the German community of St. Wendel, Posey County, Indiana. He married Catherine Herbert (1830-1915) on August 5, 1851 and they had 8 children. He was the first postmaster for St. Wendel (1852-1856) and he owned a general store, partnering with George Naas from 1862 to 1872. He also became a successful farmer and land owner, leaving an estate worth an estimated \$75,000 at his death on November 19, 1897.

### Sources:

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Baker, J. David. *The Postal History of Indiana, Vol. II*. Louisville, KY: Leonard H. Hartman, 1976.

"Wm. Schneider Dead: A Well-known Resident of St. Wendel Expires of Apoplexy." *Mount Vernon Western Star* (IN), November 25, 1897.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains William Schneider's correspondence, business documents, receipts, ledger, and account books (1850 to 1903) for business he conducted in St. Wendel, Indiana. The collection also contains the Schneider and Naas store cash book, daybooks, and ledgers (1862-1872). The account books contain a variety of entries including newspaper subscriptions, purchases, shipments, and other business transactions. The daybooks contain the daily store transactions and the ledgers hold the individual accounts of customers.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Grace Keickle in 1943.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/10/20 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/10/20 by Laura Eliason.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**Geographic Name(s)**

- Posey County (Ind.)

**Personal Name(s)**

- Nass, George

**Subject(s)**

- General stores

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
William Schneider correspondence, business documents, and receipts, 1855-1894, undated	1	1
William Schneider miscellaneous documents, circa 1860-1903	1	2
William Schneider account book, 1850-1856	1	3
William Schneider ledger, 1854-1856	1	4
William Schneider account books, 1866-1892	1	5
William Schneider account books, 1871-1893	1	6
Schneider and Naas receipts, 1865-1868	1	7
Schneider and Naas cash book, 1863-1872	1	8
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Volume</b>
Schneider and Naas day book, 1862-1863	1	1
Schneider and Naas ledger, 1862-1864	2	1
Schneider and Naas day book, 1864	2	2

Schneider and Naas day book, 1865	2	3
Schneider and Naas ledger, 1866	3	1
Schneider and Naas ledger, 1869	3	2
Schneider and Naas ledger, 1870-1871	3	3
Schneider and Naas ledger, 1871-1872	3	4